

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A sanitizable float valve to be used in water purification circulation, said valve comprising:
 - a body (1) defining a valve chamber(1),
 - a fluid inlet (6) disposed in said body (1) fluidly communicating with said chamber;
 - a fluid outlet (8) disposed in said body (1) fluidly communicating with said chamber; and
 - a closing element (2) placed into said valve chamber of said body (1),~~the body,~~
~~the length of said closing element having a length being~~ essentially ~~bigger longer~~ than ~~[[the]]~~ a diameter of ~~[[the]]~~ said closing element,
 - ~~and a float connected to a lever arm (4) for controlling the closing element,~~
 - ~~characterized in that the allowance between the~~ wherein said valve chamber of
[[the]] said body (1) and [[the]] said closing element (2) are dimensioned to form an allowance
therebetween allows a part of the liquid flow to discharge through this allowance thus
flushing said surfaces when the valve is open and wherein fluid exiting said valve exits
through said allowance or through said fluid outlet (8) when said valve is open.
2. (currently amended) A float valve in accordance with claim 1, wherein said
closing element (2) has~~characterized in that the closing element (2) of the valve is equipped~~
~~with~~ a partly convex sealing surface (5) dimensioned to sealingly engage ~~adapting itself to~~
~~the liquid~~ said fluid inlet (6) of [[the]] said valve.

3. (currently amended) A float valve in accordance with claim 1, wherein an end (7) of said closing element~~characterized in, that the end of the closing element (2)~~ opposite to ~~[[the]]~~a front surface is rounded.

4. (currently amended) A float valve in accordance with claim 1, wherein said~~characterized in, that the~~ valve chamber ~~has~~is substantially cylindrical in form and ~~[[the]]~~said closing element (2) of ~~[[the]]~~said valve ~~adapting itself thereto has a~~is substantially circular in cross section.

5. (currently amended) A float valve in accordance with claim 1, wherein said closing element is made of~~characterized in, that the material of the closing element (2)~~ is PTFE.

Claim 6 (canceled)